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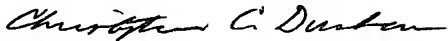
This Preliminary Amendment supplies a cross-reference to the related applications of which benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78.

In addition, all the claims of the original parent application have been canceled and replaced with new claim 33, which differs from original claim 4 in omitting the recitals of temperature conditions ("at a range of 550 °C to 850°C" and "rapidly cooling") set forth in claim 4 (original claim 4, including these recitals, has been allowed in applicants' immediate parent application No. 09/956,637.

A terminal disclaimer has been filed in CPA Serial No. 08/979,293, but that terminal disclaimer is inapplicable to the invention of present claims 33, because it was submitted to avoid an obviousness-type double patenting rejection asserted only against claims to the invention elected in CPA Serial No. 08/979,293 following a restriction requirement.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is courteously requested.

Respectfully,


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